

KIWANIS/THE LAKES CHARACTER AREA

Summary of Gaps to Address in the Character Area Plan

Identified Gap (by alphabetical category)
BIKE + WALKABILITY
Improvements to collector streets including increased shade along sidewalks and bike lanes
Pedestrian connections within and between developments (such as McClintock + Guadalupe to foster connected "hub"; Create more parking and street crossings at Guadalupe / McClintock to tie all four corners together
Continue separate bike paths - lighted and paved to connect to Downtown Tempe
Improve pedestrian-friendly connecting paths, with neighborhood access to + lighting along Western Canal
Additional canal path landscaping and hardscape - soften canal experience
More protected or separated bike/walk routes on arterials in north-south direction
INTERSECTIONS + STREETS
Restore and refresh landscape and block walls on arterials; consider incentives for replacing walls to upgrade general appearance throughout neighborhood; target Rural, McClintock, Baseline and Guadalupe Roads
Tree-lined streets - Shade trees along major arterial streets and better landscaping to define area
A "Plant-a-tree" program;
Ensure new development means more trees and greenery
Provide shade plan for Kiwanis Park;
Do not further impede traffic flow on major streets (it only pushes traffic to residential side streets!)
Residential speed humps where appropriate
Form "weed removal task groups" within street community; get us organized to help each other
Shared center lane at Rural Rd. fork is a major problem
Improve neighborhood lighting in the front yard areas where inadequate (i.e. leading to Aguilar Elementary)
TRANSPORTATION
Orbit bus to South Tempe (connect to Downtown/Library and other key Tempe destinations)
More bus cut-outs to improve traffic